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STATEMENT

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) is responsible for inspecting all hospitals in California as well as administering the federal Medicaid certification program. An inspection in December at the Sonoma Developmental Center's Intermediate Care Facility (ICF) revealed that systemic deficiencies first identified last summer were not fully corrected requiring CDPH to initiate steps to decertify the entire ICF and revoke the State license. The ICF serves approximately 290 intellectually disabled residents.

Today, the California Department of Developmental Services voluntarily terminated the Medicaid certification of four of the ten residential units at the ICF. This action will permit the continued certification of the remaining six units while needed corrections are made pursuant to a federally approved Plan of Improvement. Similar corrections to the four non-certified units will be implemented under the State's licensing authority. CDPH will closely monitor each residential unit to ensure that all clients are protected from harm and the delivery of healthcare to this vulnerable population complies with both federal and state requirements.

As each of the withdrawn units is recertified as in full compliance with Medicaid requirements, the federal share of cost for the facility will be proportionally restored.